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Welcome to the St Aloysius Annual School Newsletter

I have had the absolute privilege to be the Principal of St Aloysius Secondary School for the past 12 months. I have seen first-hand the dedication and commitment all staff have shown to help ensure that our students were given every opportunity to continue their education from home. As a school community, students, teachers, staff and parents have supported each other through the challenges of Covid19 and school closure. Teacher's dedication and commitment to their students has ensured the continuation of coursework, curriculum content, creative activities and weekly challenges through the new student bulletin.

2020 will be remembered as a year like no other. Our Junior Certificate students have been disappointed with the cancellation of their exams while our Leaving Cert students await their Calculated Grades from the Department of Education and the postponement of their exams until later in the year.

It is a year where the world has had to stop and consciously reflect on how we are living our lives. This has given us the time to remain close to our family unit, time to appreciate nature and our local communities. Inspired by their Head Girl Jiang and Deputy head Girl Maham, students balanced their time between school work, healthy living and online engagement with friends. Students have developed their skills: time management, independent learning, IT skills, organisation, planning and self-motivation. These skills will continue to be an asset to each student as they continue their journey in education.

In school, during the year we celebrated our 180th anniversary with a wonderful day in November meeting past pupils who got time to reminisce and catch up with old friends. We celebrated numerous awards; vex Robotics, John Paul II, Gaisce, competition winners, Young Scientist entry, in school Scifest, Junk Kouture, basketball champions, horse riding and jujitsu champion. Congratulations to all our students who participated in many events and activities this year. As a Wellread (2019-2022) school community, we look forward to returning in September to a new study hub in the library along with resources provided for being awarded the Robert Dunbarr library. We look forward to breakfast in our newly upgraded canteen and the simple act of sitting together and enjoying one another's company away from the virtual world.

On behalf of Ms. Kathy McGlade and myself, we thank all of our teachers, students, parents and our Parents Association who have helped in supporting our St Aloysius girls throughout this year. We wish you all a healthy, safe and happy summer.

Alexandria Savage.

Our Head Girl Jiang O'Neill and Deputy Head Girl Maham Aziz with Lord Mayor of Cork, John Sheehan, Principal, Ms. Savage and Deputy Principal, Ms. McGlade



**Meitheal team
2019 / 2020**

180th Celebrations in St. Aloysius

We saw past pupils arrive to the school in their 100s to walk down memory lane on November 16th for the celebrations of 180 years of St Aloysius Secondary School. The halls were crowded with the chatter of memories from as far back as the 1940s, TY students performed songs through the ages in the school auditorium, a display of photographs were enjoyed in the school library and the mural pictured below was installed to mark 180 years of education of young girls in Cork city.

This momentous anniversary was also celebrated by the Irish Examiner. Mr. Foran, Ms. O'Donovan and Ms. Walsh brought journalist, Jess Casey, on a tour of the school and its archives before sharing their knowledge of the school's history, vital place in the local community and keen interest in our student's wellbeing, happiness and academic success.

Mr. Foran ensured the school's impressive sporting history was highlighted, "In 1969, the school made it to the first-ever All-Ireland school's final in camogie, and took home the title in 1976" while Ms. O'Donovan noted that the school was, "very forward-looking" when it was founded and that our foundress Catherine McAuley "was a great believer in practical subjects for women, things that would enable them to earn a living".

Ms. Walsh reflected that, "When you think about how long the school is here, the history of St Als really is the history of Cork City. Cork has always been a forward-looking city, and county."

Link to full article: <https://tinyurl.com/yau4sudd>



Student Council 2019-2020

The Student Council is a very active group in St. Als and this year was no exception. There were over 40 student representatives from across all six years with at least one representative from each class. Through weekly meetings and the Student Council forum, students communicate closely with staff and management. They bring ideas from the students' perspective and highlight issues as they arise creating a foundation for student voice.

Open night was the first major event where all representatives took part. The Student Council played an integral role in Open Night putting primary school students at ease and allowing parents to ask questions within the small group to discover first hand accounts of being a student in St. Al's. We are so proud of our student guides who demonstrated real leadership and set an example to all.

In November we celebrated our **180th year** in education. It was a momentous day. A huge thanks has to be given to the Student Council members and other students who gave up their Saturday to be in attendance in every station around the school, help set/clean up and give such an extraordinary welcome to our past pupils and teachers. It was wonderful to see St. Al's past pupils that have traversed the corridors sharing their experiences with our own students: *"To be part of such an important historical moment was amazing. Seeing past pupils' faces light up as soon as they saw their fellow students after years was truly amazing. Hopefully I can do the same during the 190th anniversary"* J.C. 5th year

The Student Council organised seven **no uniform days** which raised over €3500. These days are supported by students and parents and we really appreciate their contribution and participation. All the money raised goes to school funds & helps maintain essential services. The fancy dress up at Christmas and Halloween always generate a fun atmosphere. We extend a big thank you to those involved in the organisation & running but in particular to the Student Council members who arrive in school at the antisocial hour of 7:30am every no-uniform day to collect money.

In the Christmas term, we got behind the **St. Vincent de Paul Giving tree & Hampers** appeal. This year there were over 250 gifts for teenagers aged 12-17 & 16 food hampers. It was a great St. Als community effort & highlighted the work of the St. Vincent de Paul which makes a difference to the lives of so many families in the local area.

The impact of the Covid-19 meant that the **Activities Day for Wellbeing** had to be postponed and our three representatives who were selected to attend the **annual CEIST Conference** in March did not get this opportunity. However, we hope and pray in the following year, that these events will become possible.

In conclusion, our Student Council members are so important to the St. Al's School community. They work diligently in the background. They are reliable, honest and develop real leadership skills. While they give to the Student Council, it gives back: *"The Student Council has impacted my life in such a positive way over the last four years. The friendships I have made will last forever and the confidence I have gained will continue throughout my life"*. – Christiana, TY

"As I leave secondary school, I know that the student council has helped me hugely in finding my voice. The experience has been invaluable and I've loved working with all the girls who are also passionate about student voice being heard" - Jiang (Head Girl)

We encourage every student who would like to get involved to step up, be a voice for their class, break down barriers and find strength within the St. Al's community.



Art

Congratulations to Sandy O'Mahony, Sian Kiely and their teacher Ms. Robinson for their appearance on Nationwide showcasing their classes' artwork in the Glucksman Art Gallery.



Murder Mystery in St. Als!

St. Als was abuzz with controversy in October as it was announced that our Deputy Principal, Ms. McGlade had been 'murdered' in the library. Over the course of three tense days, Ms. Gaine and Ms. Walsh revealed clues on behalf of the Gardaí which our school community used to solve the mystery of 'whodunnit'. Our students threw themselves into the investigation and were to be found interrogating teachers between lessons, creating a sense of suspicion and drama. The appearance of Ms. McGlade's ghost roaming the corridors and strangely completing paperwork in her office increased student's determination to find the culprit.

As the odds on who had killed our Deputy changed daily and students cast increasingly wary eyes over the suspect list of teachers, the crime scene was repeatedly examined for hidden clues. The ultimate revelation that it was the unassuming Ms. O'Donovan with the knife in the library, encouraged by Ms. Butler, shocked the school to its core. It appears that a seemingly long forgotten secret of the Irish department had been about to be revealed by past student Irish debater, Ms. McGlade. This left Ms. O'Donovan with little choice but to save her beloved Irish Department in the most extreme of ways; costing the school dearly.

After such shocking events in the corridors of St. Als, the question now remains; what other secrets lie forgotten in our recent past and who might be next to face the consequences?



Our school library is open weekly at lunch for reading, browsing and study.



1st year book club met weekly in the library with Ms. Walsh



St. Als' Library Relunched

St. Als' library has undergone an exciting transformation in the last 18 months and was relaunched by Ms. Walsh and Ms. Gaine in October. With the help of TY students and our dedicated library team, books have been catalogued and recategorised. As well as this, our shelves have been repainted, soft seating has been introduced and new computers, to allow research and study, have been installed.

This revamp culminated in the introduction of €500 worth of new books to our collection. These new books added to generous parent donations and the wonderful catalogue of books that has been built by generations of dedicated teachers ensures that our library covers all subject areas offered in the school as well as impressive junior and senior fiction sections.

These new books offer the opportunity to find the perfect books for you. Whether you already enjoy reading or need to find the book that will make you fall in love with it, we ask you to visit Ms. Walsh at lunch in the library and challenge her to find the right book for you...she hasn't failed yet! She is a true believer that Frank Serafini was right when he said "There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book." It's not a hope or a wish but a fact, there is a book for everyone and we cannot wait to see your faces when you come back to tell us you have found the perfect book for you in our revamped library.

National Wellread Success

St. Aloysius' Wellread journey was recognised nationally this year by the PDST as we were officially awarded the title of 'Wellread School'. Ms. Gaine and Ms. Walsh traveled to Athlone to showcase the school's three year journey as a community of readers at the PDST Wellread Awards in November.

Our Wellread experience has led to a revamp of our beloved library, a murder mystery extravaganza and stronger links with our community library and booksellers to name but a few of the many initiatives run since 2017. The Wellread campaign has left a legacy of reading initiatives which the school will continue to build on in the years to come. Thanks to the well run campaign, September 2020 will bring more initiatives and Wellread fun.



Promoting Student Voice in the Wider Community

Student voice plays a strong role in St Aloysius' community but it is also well represented in the wider community by our outstanding students. Salma Waleed and Shammai Chi represented St Als on the SHARE committee 2019-2020, among their duties included organising a table quiz in St Als for committee members from schools across Cork to allow them to get to know each other.

JC Gomes and Salma Waleed represented students at various Comhairle na nOg events including the Regional Dáil meeting held in Limerick earlier in the year. Salma also represented the school in the Soroptimist International Girls Speaking Competition and UCC's Model UN with the guidance of Ms. Walsh.

Alma Krause organised two speakers from the European Youth Parliament (EYP) to visit our senior students and encourage them to join her in the EYP. Well done to Alma Krause who went on to be selected for the Youth Assembly on Climate Action in Leinster House in association with RTE on November 15th. She later appeared on The Late Late Show and featured on an RTE show that highlighted the journey these students took in the lead up to and on their day taking over Leinster House to highlight issues on climate action.



Modern Foreign Languages

All Ireland Linguistics Olympiad

Congratulations to Sarah Lane (5th year) for achieving a Bronze Standard Certificate for her performance in the National Final of the All Ireland Linguistics Olympiad in early March. Sarah was one of the top 100 (ranked 27th) of 1,036 participants in the initial round of the Olympiad to be invited to participate in the National Final. In the National Final itself, she ranked 17th out of 100. A superb accomplishment. Well done, Sarah!



Inter Schools French Quiz

On February 10th, a team of TY French students participated in the Inter-Schools French Quiz in Presentation Brothers College, organised by the Cork French Teachers Association. St Als was proudly represented by Amy, Christina, Jessica, Donna and Erica from Transition Year. It was an enjoyable evening and a great learning experience for the girls. Many thanks to Ms O'Mahony for her hard work with the team.



French Film Festival 2020

On March 4th, approximately 120 students attended the films *Le Brio* and *100 Kilos d'Étoiles* in the Gate cinema as part of the annual French Film Festival. The pupils of Saint Als are delighted to attend the festival every year.

Choir

The school choir participated with aplomb in all events this year. At the **open night** we entertained with the choral classic 'Look at the World' by John Rutter, extolling the beauty of our world. The Leaving Cert music class gave a performance of Hallelujah that would rival any other, anywhere. For the **Lord Mayors visit** and the opening of the school year Mass the choir sang in beautiful harmony and voice.

Next, was the **Mass for the 180th anniversary** of the school's foundation. We resurrected the school anthem and sang it with great gusto in memory of all the students who proudly went before us.

The school community always eagerly looks forward to the **Christmas Carol Service** as we get the chance to sing carols with the whole school. This year we were privileged to have a group of Leaving Certs from the choir sing O Holy Night with fabulous harmony and sureness of tone. Ms. Lernihán and Ms. O'Callaghan also brought the TYs carol singing at Christmas.

In February we started to prepare for the **awards ceremony** in March. We dusted off the old drum kit, learned the harmonic parts of our chosen song, discussed the finer details of endings, bars, tune and variations of same. We managed to agree and disagree respectfully on how to present the song. Ms O Callaghan and Ms Lernihán choose the song with the idea of the students' potential, self-belief and how life surprises each of us. The song was 'Unwritten' by Kate Beddington. Well, we could not have written on March 12th the closure of school for the rest of the year which meant we never got to perform the song despite all that practice.

The choir would like to take the opportunity to thank the girls from Leaving Cert for their immense contribution to the choir over the past few years. Ladies your talents are astounding and so freely shared. You will always be held in esteem in our memories. Perhaps, when we can meet again, the choir can sing to you "we will, we will miss you" to the Queen song "we will rock you" because you girls ROCK.

A huge thank you to all the choir for contributing so beautifully to our school community, as always. Have a safe and happy summer. Beannachtaí.



Robert Dunbarr Memorial Library

Having applied for the Robert Dunbarr Memorial Library Fund organised by Children's Books Ireland, St. Aloysius has been awarded 200 new books for our library. As St. Als is one of only six schools in the country to be chosen, it shows that CBI read Ms. Walsh's application and were very impressed by our brilliant school and our enthusiastic students, finding us deserving of this exciting award.

These books will be launched early next year and are being chosen based on what our students like to read and what they have requested from Ms. Walsh each Tuesday in the library or during their reading classes with their English teachers. This is a great opportunity to grow the wonderful library that has been loved by so many generations of Aloysians.

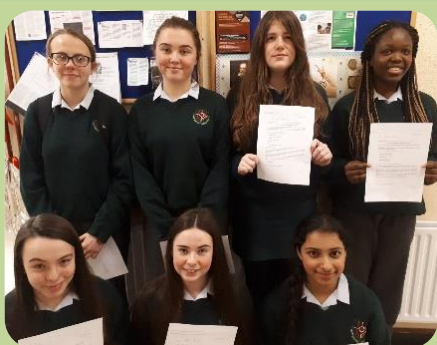
Anyone who may not yet have found the perfect book for them in our library will now get the chance to find it in this shipment. The book that will make you fall in love with reading may be whizzing its way to St. Als.

The excitement of this award did not stop there though. Children's Books Ireland arranged for Sarah Maria Griffin, winner of the 2019 Irish Book Award for Young Adult books, to become our Champion of Reading. During the lockdown of April and May, Ms. Griffin ran video workshops with our students. These took the guise of two videos on zine making, reading and publishing while a third video featured a conversation between Ms. Griffin and Dave Rudden. Rudden is a favourite author of St. Als students since our first years met him last year in Cork City Library. He later reached out to the school on Twitter to check in on their short story writing. These videos and Ms. Griffin's challenge to create our own zines gave our school community a great creative outlet during the enforced lockdown due to the pandemic.

Our Champion of Reading will also launch our new collection of books for us early next year. What a wonderful way to end the academic year in which we became a 'Wellread School'.

Maths and Science

Achievements in Maths and Science are always well represented in St Aloysius and this year was no exception. Well done to Tija Tony, pictured below with her teacher Ms K O'Donovan who was selected to compete in the **Irish Junior Science Olympiad** based on her outstanding Junior Certificate results. Tija received a **Bronze medal** in this prestigious competition beating top students from all over Ireland. We are so proud! A number of our 2nd and 3rd year students were invited to attend Maths **enrichment classes in UCC** in preparation for the Maths Olympiad. Students attended numerous science and maths events throughout the year including the **Chemistry Magic Show in UCC** pictured above a picture of Diamond, Amanda, Jiang, Rameen, Faye and Dominika who competed in the ITSA Senior Science Quiz in UCC. St Aloysius hosted the **Applied Maths Teachers Association Junior and Senior Quizzes** this year. Proud to promote women in STEM in any way that we can!



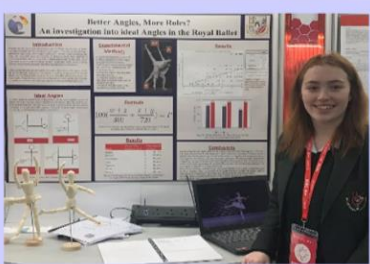
Vex Robotics

The Vex Robotics team saw great success again this year winning the **Design Award** in CIT. The team work incredibly hard and looks forward to the new academic year as we prepare for the new competition called 'Change Up'. Currently we are practicing online with Vex Vr which everyone can access and try. Here is the link to Vex Vr: <https://vr.vex.com/>



Scifest & BT young Scientist

We were very proud of TY student Andrea Marshall, whose project, "An investigation into angles in the Royal Ballet" was chosen to compete in the BT Young Scientist in the RDS, Dublin. Andrea was also the winner at the TeenTurn Scifest in Dublin prior to BT Young Scientist with her exceptional project. Bravo! St Al's hosted their own in school Scifest competition this year with winners at the local level representing the school at the next stage in the competition. Thank you to Ms Foley and Ms K O'Donovan for all the work involved in setting up this competition and to the students for their exceptional projects



St Al's students Tija Tony, Kealynn Dollard, Alma Krause and Cáit McSweeney with their teacher Ms K.O'Donovan represented the student and teacher voice at the JCT Annual Science Symposium in CIT. The event was attended by teachers from all over Munster and beyond.



Students from the Green Schools Committee sending air samples for testing



Enterprise and TY Experience

St Aloysius has a long tradition of promoting enterprise through many subjects in the school and was recognised for this commitment to entrepreneurial spirit with the Gold level for The Entrepreneurial School (TESA) Award which was presented to Ms McGlade on behalf of the school by Junior Achievement Ireland in October.

This entrepreneurial spirit is seen across the curriculum but especially in our Transition Year Enterprise class where students are given the opportunity to set up and run their own business for the year. Here are some thoughts from one of the TY students, Christina Maher on this experience.

'If transition year were a film, I would describe it as an action/comedy. There were plenty of laughs and even more of the other. The subject I knew I would enjoy before entering TY was enterprise (and it did not disappoint!). When we entered the first lesson in September with Miss McGlade and Miss Meehan, we started talking about mini company ideas. After a few weeks my class had roughly decided we would create two mini companies. On a whim I applied for the position as managing director of 'Scents of Humour'. I never expected to receive the role. Our company was based around upcycling our old materials to create new products. We created fragrance sachets made from recycled bags and scrunchies made from our old clothing.

The LEO Cork City organized many different conferences for us throughout the year on how to improve and innovate our companies. In December we entered the LEO Blackpool Christmas Trade Fair. We were lucky enough to win 'Best Sales Plan' on the day. This was a very proud day for me and all the members of the team as it showed all the work we had done for the last few months was all worthwhile and rewarding.

Enterprise this year for me did not just involve our mini company. I was also captain of our Generation Euro team. This was a competition based on the ECB and monetary policy. We were lucky enough to get to the final fifteen in Ireland, where we wrote our assignment based on the European Central Banks main refinancing rate.

For me transition year was a brilliant experience but it was much more than school. I gained confidence from meeting new people but I also started to believe in myself. I now know if I try hard enough for something, I can achieve it.' - Christina Maher TY



David Brophy conducting the Cork City Orchestra in rehearsals at St Al's

Basketball Success

St. Als proudly celebrated Ms. Gaine's Basektball team winning the U16 Cork Schools League Cup Final. Captain Sinead O'Leary was awarded Most Valuable Player for her performance in the match.





Sixth Year Ecology Trip to Fota Island Wildlife Park with Ms Murray

Sarah Lanes
incredible Junk
Kouture entry 'Lady
Equilateral'



Second year History field trip to Cork Public Museum with Mr. Foran, Ms. O'Shaughnessy and Ms. Walsh

Comórtas Díospóireachta Gael Linn

I rith na bliana ghlac mé féin, Sancta agus Daniele páirt i gcomórtas díospóireachta Gael Linn, Díospóireacht an Phiarsaigh faoi stiúir Ms. White. Gan aon agó, ba thaithí mhaith agus fhiúntach a bhí inti. Fuaireamar rún na díospóireachta timpeall seachtain roimh an comórtas agus chaitheamar cúpla lá ag scríobh agus ag cleachtadh ár n-óráidí. Caithfidh mé a admháil gur thug an comórtas seo a lán muiníne dom. Ní dhearna mé mórán cainte poiblí riamh ach ní raibh sé chomh deacair is a cheap mé! Mise ag rá leat, bhí sé dúshlánach ach thar a bheith suimiúil ag an am céanna.

Chomh maith le sin, beidh na hábhair a bhí idir láimhe againn an-usáideach don scrúdú béil san Ardeist. Tháinig fás agus forbairt ar mo chuid Gaeilge leis an gcleachtadh. Ar an drochuair, chaill Scoil Naomh Alabhaois sa chéad bhabhta an bhliain seo. Ach, gan aon amhras d'fhoghlaim ár bhfhoireann nósanna agus scileanna fíor-thábhachtach don saol amach romhainn. Bhaineamar an-súp as an deis agus táimid ag tnúth go mór leis an gcéad chomórtas eile – 'Beidh lá eile ag an bPaorach'!

Le Sarah Lane.



Sixth Year Geography Field Trip with Ms O'Mahony, Ms Lynch, Mr Foran & Ms Harrington

Pope John Paul II Award

Well done to our 5th years who received



Pope John Paul II Awards for their commitment to community & parish activities



Junior Cert students 2019 receive their JCPA



Congratulation to Andrea Marshall on being chosen to attend the UCC Confucius Institute Easter Study Camp 2020 in Shanghai, China.

She was chosen from over 200 students from 50 schools who applied for this prestigious opportunity to study abroad. Unfortunately, the trip was cancelled due to Covid10 but we are no less proud of her achievement.



1st year students enjoying a morning at the St Aloysius interschools debating mace with one of the organisers, 5th year Salma Waleed.

The Pandemic: An Important Time

We are living in historic times. The daily events being discussed on the news, online and amongst your family and friends will be studied by your children and grandchildren. Every student who took JC History has read about the plague of the middle ages, the diseases which spread on the ships of the Age of Exploration and through Ireland during the Great Famine. Covid-19 is different, but the pandemic and the widespread consequences it causes will be studied in the same way by future generations. This is the moment you will be asked about when you are older. What was it like to live during the pandemic of 2020?

As this is an important time in our lives and in our social history it is an idea to keep a journal or diary of daily events. It will help us to quieten our minds, create our own primary sources and help historians in the future.

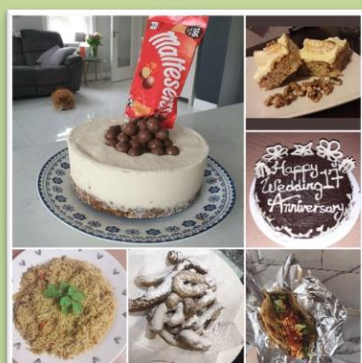
Our Taoiseach gave a historic speech on St. Patrick's Day in which he said that future generations will "say of us, when things were at their worst, we were at our best". That speech brought us together and was a reason to be proud to be living in Ireland, we are taking this seriously, working together and protecting each other.

History tells us that every pandemic ends. This one will too. We should act in a way that we wish to be remembered by future generations. We can be the community that acted quickly, looked out for each other and most importantly, stayed at home to stop the spread of this pandemic. Very rarely do each of us have the power to impact our country, our history and the health of others. Now we do, simply by social distancing.

Look after yourself, your family and your community. Though separated physically we have never been closer in terms of online and phone communication. In times of stress, when worried about events outside of our immediate control remember the prayer for serenity; "Grant to us the serenity of mind to accept that which cannot be changed; courage to change that which can be changed, and wisdom to know the difference".

Keep safe and socially distanced,

Ms. Walsh



From the top:
Weekly Student Bulletin, baking at home, virtual school walk, 1st year class assignment, winning entry to the school photo competition.



School Life in Lockdown

On March 12th we were instructed by the government to close the school to staff and students in order to protect our most vulnerable citizens and the HSE from the outbreak of Covid19. We left that evening and immediately, all the staff and students set about adjusting to a new way of going to school. Well done to all! Within 24 hours our whole school community was on their way to upskilling in ways we had never imagined with students taking real ownership of their learning in the midst of the real worries that this pandemic has brought to our households. Students and teachers worked together through Google Suites which was already in place and in use in our school thanks to some forward-thinking staff members. We found new ways of communicating through email, google classroom, live online classes and assemblies, weekly student bulletins with competitions, challenges and shared samples of work going on in the virtual classes all in an effort to bring us together as a community of learners. We shared images of nature that inspired us, wrote poetry, completed Covid19 scrapbooks, baked, upcycled, uploaded and sat exams online. We enjoyed our end of year virtual school walk together sharing images of the pathways we walked and ice-creams we enjoyed. We celebrated the successes on the good days and supported each other quietly through the tougher days. We each faced different challenges along the way and worked to the best of our ability in the face of these challenges. For all of this we are very proud of each and every member of the St Aloysius school community!

Transition Year 2019/2020

**Transition Year**

Transition Year in St Aloysius offers just the right balance between hard work and fun. Students this year enjoyed learning in the classroom in new ways with programs such as Maths Modellers, research projects for Scifest in the Science labs and the setting up and running of real businesses in the Enterprise classes. The Heritage class had begun work on taking over the museum at the Nano Nagle centre before Covid19 put an end to this. The music classes were frequent audience members at the UCC lunchtime concerts while the Irish class enjoyed a cupán tae in Gael Taca. The English classes were busy preparing a drama while the French classes took popped down to the French film festival. Students attended a variety of events including Careers Fairs, the I Wish Conference, a tour of Apple, First Aid training, rock-climbing, charity flag days, community and work experience to mention a few. Despite the abrupt end to the year, the list of innovative teaching and opportunity to learn in the wider community is lengthy. Thank you to all the teachers that worked with our TY students this year!

**A taste of some of the many highlights**

From top left clockwise: Trip to Cuskinny, Meeting Tim Cooke at Apple, Maths Modellers in action, trip to BT Young Scientist, some Halloween fun, trip to the courthouse and Gael Taca, ice-skating at Christmas, pancakes in aid of Mental Health Ireland, Go Girls Karting, Work Experience with St Vincent de Paul



St Aloysius students frequently appeared in our local and national newspapers but especially our TY's!

**Irish Class Trip to the Courthouse and Gael Taca**

"Ar an gcúigiú lá de d'Eanáir, chuaigh rang Gaeilge le Ms Dempsey go dtí ar an teach cúirte ar Sráid Washington. Bhí sé an-suimiúil agus d'fhoghlaim mé a lán rudaí. Bhíomar isteach an cúirt sibhialta agus bhí sé go tapa. Ar an aonú lá déag de Mhárta, chuaigh rang Gaeilge le Ms Twomey go dtí an 'Gael Taca'. Fuair siad cupán tae agus bhí siad ag caint faoi cúpla focail Gaeilge." - Cáit



180 Years Celebration



Above: Images from our Open Day in November celebrating 180 years of St Aloysius Secondary School.

Left: Before and after pictures of our newly refurbished canteen.

